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THE PRACTICE IN COURTS OF JUSTICE IN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES. By CONWAY ROBINSON, of Richmond, Va. Vol. 3. Treating of Personal Actions with Respect to the Parties who may Sue and be Sued; the Form of Action, and the Frame of the Pleadings. Richmond, A. Morris, G. M. West; Washington City, F. Taylor; Baltimore, Cushings and Bailey; Philadelphia, H. P. & R. T. Small, No. 21 south Sixth street. 1858. pp. 685.

The author of this book, Mr. Robinson, is one of the leaders of the Virginia bar, and is purely a lawyer, and a very eminent one. Politics have never drawn him for a moment aside from his profession, and no other form of occupation has ever engaged his attention. He has been content to recognize and act upon the truth, that a lawyer who devotes himself to his professional duties, making them include not only his duty to his clients, but also the duty which every man who can be a scholar owes to his profession, may be as useful to society as any man in it. Such men are not common in our country. Lawyers who are eminent as practitioners, and whose lives are exclusively devoted to the labors of the bar, are not rare; but lawyers who are distinguished, both as practitioners and as jurists, are not numerous in this or in any other country.

The learned author tells us, in his preface to this volume, that "those who have examined the two former volumes know that this work is not restricted to practice in the narrow sense in which the subject is treated by Impey, Seldon, Tidd or Archbold; it is not, like their treatises, confined to technical remedies practiced in some particular court, but it discusses principles which every member of the bench or bar has occasion to know in connection with the remedies which constitute practice in his State or country. No matter what may be the particular form of those remedies, they may be illustrated by a work which treats of the principles and pleadings, as well as the practice, in courts of justice in England and the United States."

From the limited study we have been able to give this volume, we think it quite equal to its predecessors, and that its utility cannot be well over estimated. The active practitioner requires in his library nothing more than convenient books of reference, with the principles of legal practice accurately and succinctly set forth, so that, while his client is asking the question he seeks to have solved, the solution is at hand.

This book has a most complete table of contents, by which the subject matter of any page in it can be ascertained at a single glance. First, the general principle is given, and then its application, and then the exceptions, if any, and the statute modifications. The author has continually had in view the practical side of his profession, and adapted his book for *use*; in this he was wise. We unhesitatingly commend his labors as excellent, and toil-saving in a high degree.